

Bryan has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

POPE, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 2, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred House bill No. 66, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendments. Mr. Bledsoe has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

POPE, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMS IN CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 3, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 507, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

SPENCER of Wise, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 3, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 455, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

SPENCER of Wise, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 257, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Fairchild has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 242, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

LEE, Vice-Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 3, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 517, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Hawkins has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

HAWKINS, Vice-Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 474, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Wilson Independent School District, in Lynn county, Texas, and defining the boundaries thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DENTON, Chairman.

#### TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

(Continued.)

(Wednesday, February 7, 1917.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first.



time, and referred to appropriate committees, as follows:

Senate bill No. 11, to the Committee on Congressional Districts.

Senate bill No. 148, to the Committee on Appropriations.

Senate bill No. 214, to the Committee on Appropriations.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 21 ON ENGROSSMENT.

The Speaker laid before the House, as postponed business, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 21, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the salaries of judges of the Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals and the judges of the Courts of Civil Appeals and of the district courts of this State, and declaring an emergency."

The bill having been read second time on Saturday, January 27th, and the following amendment to the bill having been offered by Mr. Cox on that day:

Amend House bill No. 21 by striking out the enacting clause.

Question—Shall the amendment striking out the enacting clause of the bill be adopted?

Pending consideration of the amendment, Mr. Williams of McLennan and Mr. Peddy occupied the chair temporarily.

Mr. Moore moved the previous question on the amendment striking out the enacting clause of the bill and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—51.

Baker.	Lanier.
Beard of Milam.	Lee.
Beasley.	McCoy.
Bell.	McDowra.
Bertram.	Meador.
Blackmon.	Murrell.
Blalock.	Neill.
Boner.	Osborne.
Burton of Rusk.	Peyton.
Butler.	Raiden.
Cadenhead.	Reeves.
Cope.	Rogers.
Cox.	Russell.
Crudgington.	Sentell.
Davis of Dallas.	Seawright.
Davis	Smith of Bastrop.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Hopkins.
Dodd.	Spencer of Wise.
Estes.	Stewart.
Hudspeth.	Taylor.
Laas.	Templeton.

Terrell.  
Thompson  
of Hunt.  
Tilson.  
Tinner.  
Trayler.

Upchurch.  
Veatch.  
Williford.  
Wilson.  
Woods.

Nays—77.

Bagby.	Moore.
Beason.	Morris.
Bedell.	Neeley.
Bledsoe.	Nichols.
Brown.	Nordhaus.
Bryan.	O'Banion.
Bryant.	O'Brien.
Burton of Tarrant.	Parks.
Canales.	Peddy.
Carlock.	Pillow.
Cates.	Poage.
Clark.	Pope.
Davis of Grimes.	Richards.
De Bogory.	Robertson.
Dunnam.	Roemer.
Fairchild.	Sackett.
Fisher.	Sallas.
Fitzpatrick.	Schlesinger.
Florer.	Schlosshan.
Fly.	Scholl.
Hardey.	Sholars.
Harris.	Smith of Scurry.
Hartman.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hawkins.	Spradley.
Hill.	Strayhorn.
Holland.	Thomas.
Jones.	Thomason
Laney.	of El Paso.
Lange.	Thomason
Lindemann.	of Nacogdoches.
Lowe	Thompson
of McMullen.	of Red River.
Low	Tillotson.
of Washington.	Tschoepe.
McComb.	Wahrmund.
McFarland.	Walker.
McMillin.	Williams
Martin.	of Brazoria.
Mendell.	Williams
Metcalf.	of McLennan.
Miller of Austin.	Woodul.
Monday.	Yantis.

Absent.

Beard of Harris.	Johnson.
Bland.	Miller of Dallas.
Denton.	Swope.
Greenwood.	Valentine.

Absent—Excused.

Blackburn.	Lacey.
Dudley.	White.
Haidusek.	

Mr. Veatch offered the following amendment to the bill:

Strike out in line 14, Section 1, "seven



thousand" and insert "six thousand" in lieu thereof.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Fairchild offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 21 by striking out in line 16 the words and figures "six thousand (\$6000) dollars" and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures "four thousand (\$4000) dollars."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Veatch offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 21, page 1, Section 1, lines 18 and 19, by striking out the words and figures "thirty-six hundred (\$3600)" and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures "three thousand (\$3000)."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Dodd offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 21 by striking out the words "seven thousand dollars" and the figures "\$7000" and inserting "five thousand dollars (\$5000)."

The amendment was lost.

Question then recurring on the passage of the bill to engrossment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The bill was passed to engrossment by the following vote:

Yeas—67.

Bagby.	McFarland.
Beard of Harris.	Martin.
Bledsoe.	Mendell.
Brown.	Metcalfe.
Bryan.	Miller of Austin.
Bryant.	Monday.
Burton of Tarrant.	Moore.
Canales.	Morris.
Carlock.	Neeley.
Cates.	Nichols.
Davis of Grimes.	Nordhaus.
De Bogory.	O'Banion.
Dunnam.	O'Brien.
Estes.	Pillow.
Fisher.	Poage.
Fitzpatrick.	Pope.
Florer.	Richards.
Fly.	Robertson.
Hardey.	Roemer.
Hartman.	Sackett.
Hill.	Sallas.
Holland.	Schlesinger.
Johnson.	Scholl.
Jones.	Sholars.
Laney.	Smith of Scurry.
Lange.	Spencer of Nolan.
Lowe.	Spradley.
of McMullen.	Strayhorn.
Low.	Thomason.
of Washington.	of El Paso.
McComb.	Tillotson.

Tschoepe.  
Valentine.  
Wahrmund.  
Walker.  
Williams  
of Brazoria.

Williams  
of McLennan.  
Woodul.  
Yantis.

Nays—62.

Baker.	Osborne.
Beard of Milam.	Parks.
Beasley.	Peddy.
Bedell.	Peyton.
Bell.	Raiden.
Bertram.	Reeves.
Blackmon.	Rogers.
Blalock.	Russell.
Boner.	Sentell.
Burton of Rusk.	Schlosshan.
Butler.	Seawright.
Cadenhead.	Smith of Bastrop.
Clark.	Smith of Hopkins.
Cope.	Spencer of Wise.
Cox.	Stewart.
Crudgington.	Taylor.
Davis of Dallas.	Templeton.
Davis	Terrell.
of Van Zandt.	Thomas.
Dodd.	Thomason
Fairchild.	of Nacogdoches.
Harris.	Thompson
Hawkins.	of Hunt.
Hudspeth.	Thompson
Laas.	of Red River.
Lanier.	Tilson.
Lee.	Tinner.
Lindemann.	Traylor.
McDowra.	Upchurch.
McMillin.	Veatch.
Meador.	Williford.
Murrell.	Wilson.
Neill.	Woods.

Absent.

Beason.	McCoy.
Bland.	Miller of Dallas.
Denton.	Swope.
Greenwood.	

Absent—Excused.

Blackburn.	Lacey.
Dudley.	White.
Haidusek.	

Mr. Robertson moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to engrossment, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Tillotson, the House, at 12 o'clock m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.



## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 11, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1874 and Article 1875, Chapter 6, Title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to citations by publication against a defendant who is a non-resident of the State, or who is absent from the State, or who is a transient person, or whose residence is unknown or who is the unknown heir of a deceased person," with amendments.

H. B. No. 12, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1905, Chapter 8, Title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the time when the answer in case of citation by publication shall be filed," with amendments.

Respectfully,

G. H. BOYNTON,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 2 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a State Highway Department, creating a State Highway Commission and the office of State Highway Engineer; prescribing the duties of the members of the Commission and of the Engineer, and fixing the compensation of each; prescribing reciprocal duties for the Commission and for the commissioners courts; directing the Commission to plan and adopt a comprehensive system of State highways, and to promote the construction thereof by co-operation with the counties and by the Commission; authorizing a policy of State aid to counties in road construction, and to the inauguration of a plan of rewards to the counties for the construction of the more durable types of highways; directing co-operation of the department with the Federal government in the utilization of any funds appropriated by Congress in aid of road construction in this State; authorizing the working of State prisoners

on State highways under conditions that may be agreed upon by the Highway Commission and the Prison Commission and approved by the government; providing for the support of the department by State registration of all motor vehicles and motorcycles, and for the distribution to the counties of a part of the moneys received from such registration fees; providing for the furnishing of identification numbers to motor vehicles and motorcycles and prescribing penalties for the violation of the provision for registration and identification of such vehicle; making an appropriation to inaugurate the work of the department as provided in this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Woods offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 2, Section 16, by striking out the words beginning with the word "thirty," in line 11, page 20, down to and including the figures "\$7.50," in line 15, page 20, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Twenty-five cents per horse power as determined by the standard gauging power employed by the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers, but no such motor vehicle shall be registered for a less sum than five dollars (\$5.00)."

Signed—Woods, Thomas, Upchurch, Rogers, Thompson of Red River.

Mr. Fairchild moved the previous question on the amendment, and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—52.

Bedell.	McDowra.
Bertram.	McMillin.
Blalock.	Meador.
Boner.	Monday.
Brown.	Moore.
Bryant.	Morris.
Burton of Rusk.	Neeley.
Cadenhead.	Neill.
Clark.	O'Banion.
Cope.	Parks.
Cox.	Peyton.
Davis.	Raiden.
of Van Zandt.	Reeves.
Dodd.	Roemer.
Dunnam.	Russell.
Estes.	Sallas.
Hudspeth.	Sentell.
Lee.	Schlosshan.
Lindemann.	Seawright.
McCoy.	Smith of Bastrop.



Smith of Hopkins.	Thompson
Spradley.	of Red River.
Stewart.	Tinner.
Strayhorn.	Trayler.
Templeton.	Upchurch.
Terrell.	Williford.
Thomas.	Woods.

Nays—72.

Bagby.	Low
Baker.	of Washington.
Beard of Milam.	McComb.
Beasley.	McFarland.
Beason.	Martin.
Bell.	Mendell.
Blackmon.	Metcalfe.
Bland.	Miller of Austin.
Bledsoe.	Murrell.
Bryan.	Nordhaus.
Burton of Tarrant.	O'Brien.
Butler.	Peddy.
Canales.	Pillow.
Carlock.	Poage.
Cates.	Richards.
Crudgington.	Robertson.
Davis of Dallas.	Sackett.
Davis of Grimes.	Schlesinger.
De Bogory.	Scholl.
Fairchild.	Sholars.
Fisher.	Smith of Scurry.
Fitzpatrick.	Spencer of Nolan.
Florer.	Taylor.
Fly.	Thomason
Greenwood.	of El Paso.
Hardey.	Thompson
Harris.	of Hunt.
Hartman.	Tillotson.
Hawkins.	Tilson.
Hill.	Tschoepe.
Holland.	Valentine.
Johnson.	Veatch.
Jones.	Walker.
Laas.	Williams
Laney.	of McLennan.
Lange.	Wilson.
Lanier.	Woodul.
Lowe	Yantis.
of McMullen.	

Present—Not Voting.

Williams  
of Brazoria.

Absent.

Beard of Harris.	Rogers.
Denton.	Spencer of Wise.
Miller of Dallas.	Swope.
Nichols.	Thomason
Osborne.	of Nacogdoches.
Pope.	Wahrmund.

Absent—Excused.

Blackburn.	Lacey.
Dudley.	White.
Haidusék.	

Mr. Terrell offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Section 11, page 6, of the printed bill by striking out all after the word "of" in line 18, down to and including the word "centers" in line 20, and insert in lieu thereof the words "public highways of historical mention, such as the 'old San Antonio road' or 'Kings highway,' and other public highways mentioned in Texas history."

Signed—Terrell, Thomason of Nacogdoches.

Question—Shall the amendment be adopted?

Mr. Laney moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. Carlock moved to table the motion to recommit, and the motion to table was lost.

Question then recurring on the motion to recommit, yeas and nays were demanded.

(Mr. Mendell in the chair.)

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—42.

Bertram.	Neill.
Blalock.	O'Banion.
Brown.	Peddy.
Burton of Rusk.	Peyton.
Cadenhead.	Poage.
Clark.	Raiden.
Cope.	Reeves.
Cox.	Rogers.
Davis of Dallas.	Russell.
Davis	Sentell.
of Van Zandt.	Seawright.
Dodd.	Sholars.
Dunnam.	Stewart.
Estes.	Strayhorn.
Florer.	Terrell.
Hill.	Thomas.
Johnson.	Tinner.
Laney.	Trayler.
Lee.	Upchurch.
Meador.	Williford.
Murrell.	Woods.
Neeley.	

Nays—81.

Bagby.	Boner.
Baker.	Bryan.
Beard of Milam.	Bryant.
Beasley.	Burton of Tarrant.
Beason.	Butler.
Bedell.	Canales.
Bell.	Carlock.
Blackmon.	Cates.
Bland.	Crudgington.
Bledsoe.	Davis of Grimes.

De Bogory.	Pope.
Fairchild.	Robertson.
Fisher.	Roemer.
Fitzpatrick.	Sackett.
Fly.	Schlesinger.
Greenwood.	Schlosshan.
Hardey.	Scholl.
Harris.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hartman.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hawkins.	Smith of Scurry.
Holland.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hudspeth.	Taylor.
Jones.	Templeton.
Laas.	Thomason
Lange.	of El Paso.
Lanier.	Thomason
Lindemann.	of Nacogdoches.
Lowe	Thompson
of McMullen.	of Hunt.
Low	Thompson
of Washington.	of Red River.
McComb.	Tillotson.
McCoy.	Tilson.
McDowra.	Tschoepe.
McFarland.	Valentine.
McMillin.	Veatch.
Martin.	Walker.
Mendell.	Williams
Metcalf.	of Brazoria.
Miller of Austin.	Williams
Morris.	of McLennan.
Nordhaus.	Wilson.
O'Brien.	Woodul.
Parks.	Yantis.
Pillow.	

Absent.

Beard of Harris.	Richards.
Denton.	Sallas.
Miller of Dallas.	Spencer of Wise.
Monday.	Spradley.
Moore.	Swope.
Nichols.	Wahrmund.
Osborne.	

Absent—Excused.

Blackburn.	Lacey.
Dudley.	White.
Haidusek.	

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Bledsoe moved the previous question on the pending amendment and the final passage of the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Mr. Tillotson raised a point of order on further consideration of the amendment on the ground that it is not germane to the purposes of the bill.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

Question then first recurring on the amendment by Mr. Terrell, it was lost.

Question next recurring on the final passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

House bill No. 2 was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—95.

Bagby.	Metcalf.
Baker.	Miller of Austin.
Beard of Milam.	Morris.
Beasley.	Neeley.
Beason.	Neill.
Bell.	Nordhaus.
Blackmon.	O'Brien.
Bland.	Osborne.
Bledsoe.	Parks.
Boner.	Pillow.
Bryan.	Poage.
Bryant.	Pope.
Burton of Tarrant.	Reeves.
Butler.	Richards.
Cadenhead.	Robertson.
Canales.	Roemer.
Carlock.	Sackett.
Cates.	Schlosshan.
Clark.	Scholl.
Cope.	Sholars.
Crudgington.	Smith of Bastrop.
Davis of Dallas.	Smith of Scurry.
Davis of Grimes.	Spencer of Nolan.
De Bogory.	Spradley.
Dodd.	Strayhorn.
Estes.	Taylor.
Fairchild.	Templeton.
Fisher.	Thomas.
Fitzpatrick.	Thomason
Florer.	of El Paso.
Fly.	Thomason
Greenwood.	of Nacogdoches.
Hardey.	Thompson
Hawkins.	of Hunt.
Holland.	Thompson
Hudspeth.	of Red River.
Johnson.	Tillotson.
Jones.	Tilson.
Laas.	Tinner.
Laney.	Traylor.
Lange.	Tschoepe.
Lanier.	Valentine.
Lindemann.	Veatch.
Lowe	Walker.
of McMullen.	Williams
Low	of Brazoria.
of Washington.	Williams
McComb.	of McLennan.
McFarland.	Wilson.
McMillin.	Woodul.
Martin.	Yantis.
Mendell.	

Nays—29.

Bedell.	Hill.
Bertram.	Lee.
Blalock.	McCoy.
Brown.	McDowra.
Cox.	Meador.
Davis	Moore.
of Van Zandt.	Murrell.
Dunnam.	O'Banion.
Harris.	Peddy.



Peyton.	Seawright.
Raiden.	Smith of Hopkins.
Rogers.	Stewart.
Russell.	Terrell.
Sallas.	Upchurch.
Sentell.	Williford.

Present—Not Voting.

Burton of Rusk. Woods.

Absent.

Beard of Harris.	Nichols.
Denton.	Schlesinger.
Hartman.	Spencer of Wise.
Miller of Dallas.	Swope.
Monday.	Wahrmund.

Absent—Excused.

Blackburn.	Lacey.
Dudley.	White.
Haidusek.	

Reasons for Votes.

I vote against House bill No. 2 for the following reasons:

It is an appointive commission that will have control over more than a million dollars the first year, and the second year possibly two million. I believe the people should have the right to elect the commissions handling such vast sums of money. I believe further that this commission can manipulate and control the politics of the State. For these reasons I vote "nay."

RAIDEN.

I voted against the passage of House bill No. 2, entitled Highway Commission, because by the provision of this act is created a salaried commission and provides for their appointment by chief executive of this State, which eliminates the sovereignty of all citizens in this State upon that question; provided further, that one-half of the tax only can revert to the county from which it was derived, collecting a tax from owners of motor vehicles and not allowing those who pay a tax to have any say as to who will serve them in this capacity and no choice as to how one-half of that tax is expended.

SEAWRIGHT.

I favor conservative measure establishing a State Highway Commission, but I cannot support the measure for the following reasons:

1. The Commissioners are to be appointed by the Governor instead of being elected by the people; this puts the question of good roads into politics, and the department will be used to reward political friends.

2. It does not limit the salaries of the civil engineers, thus opening the way to graft.

3. It makes the duty of the commissioners court to consult and receive the advice of this Commission before they can build roads or expend money derived from bonds, which the people vote upon themselves.

4. It is rank class legislation in that it puts the burdens of building the roads upon one class—the automobile owners, and exempts all corporations, land owners, oil companies and mercantile establishments.

5. It levies an unjust tax by establishing a minimum fee of seven dollars and fifty cents on automobile owners.

6. It unjustly distributes the funds.

7. It places the building of our public roads under the jurisdiction of the Agricultural Department of the United States, thus destroying the principle of State rights.

DAVIS of Van Zandt.

Mr. Tillotson moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 203, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an emergency appropriation to construct and equip a fireproof dormitory, complete the administration building, and to provide summer support for the College of Industrial Arts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 57, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 60 of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, passed at its Regular Session, and approved March 20, 1913, providing for a special road law for Hunt county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

G. H. BOYNTON,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 11 WITH SENATE AMENDMENT.

Mr. Moore called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendment, for consideration of the amendment,



H. B. No. 11, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1874 and Article 1875, Chapter 6, Title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to citations by publication against a defendant who is a non-resident of the State, or who is absent from the State, or who is a transient person, or whose residence is unknown, or who is the unknown heir of a deceased person."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendment was read.

Mr. Moore moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the House concurred in the Senate amendment by the following vote:

Yeas—119.

Bagby.	Laney.
Baker.	Lange.
Beasley.	Lanier.
Bedell.	Lee.
Bell.	Lindemann.
Blackmon.	Lowe
Blalock.	of McMullen.
Bland.	Low
Bledsoe.	of Washington.
Boner.	McComb.
Brown.	McCoy.
Bryan.	McDowra.
Bryant.	McFarland.
Burton of Rusk.	McMillin.
Burton of Tarrant.	Martin.
Butler.	Meador.
Cadenhead.	Mendell.
Canales.	Metcalf.
Carlock.	Miller of Austin.
Cates.	Moore.
Clark.	Morris.
Cope.	Murrell.
Cox.	Neeley.
Crudgington.	Neill.
Davis of Dallas.	Nordhaus.
Davis of Grimes.	O'Banion.
Davis	O'Brien.
of Van Zandt.	Parks.
De Bogory.	Peddy.
Dodd.	Peyton.
Dunnam.	Pillow.
Estes.	Poage.
Fairchild.	Pope.
Fisher.	Raiden.
Fitzpatrick.	Reeves.
Florer.	Richards.
Greenwood.	Robertson.
Harris.	Roemer.
Hartman.	Rogers.
Hawkins.	Russell.
Holland.	Sackett.
Hudspeth.	Sallas.
Jones.	Sentell.
Laas.	Schlesinger.

Schlosshan.	Thompson
Scholl.	of Hunt.
Seawright.	Thompson
Sholars.	of Red River.
Smith of Bastrop.	Tillotson.
Smith of Hopkins.	Tilson.
Smith of Scurry.	Tinner.
Spencer of Nolan.	Trayler.
Spradley.	Tschoepe.
Stewart.	Upchurch.
Strayhorn.	Valentine.
Taylor.	Veatch.
Templeton.	Walker.
Terrell.	Williams
Thomas.	of Brazoria.
Thomason	Williford.
of El Paso.	Wilson.
Thomason	Woods.
of Nacogdoches.	Woodul.
	Yantis.

Present—Not Voting.

Beason.	Hill.
Bertram.	
	Absent.
Beard of Harris.	Nichols.
Beard of Milam.	Osborne.
Denton.	Spencer of Wise.
Fly.	Swope.
Hardey.	Wahrmund.
Johnson.	Williams
Miller of Dallas.	of McLennan.
Monday.	
	Absent—Excused.

Blackburn.	Lacey.
Dudley.	White.
Haidusek.	

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 12 WITH SENATE AMENDMENT.

Mr. Moore call up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendment, for consideration of the amendment.

H. B. No. 12, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1905, Chapter 8, Title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the time when the answer in case of citation by publication shall be filed."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendment was read.

Mr. Moore moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the House concurred in the Senate amendment by the following vote:

Yeas—123.

Bagby.	Beasley.
Baker.	Beason.
Beard of Milam.	Bedell.



Bell.	Neeley.
Bertram.	Neill.
Blackmon.	Nordhaus.
Blalock.	O'Banion.
Bland.	O'Brien.
Bledsoe.	Parks.
Boner.	Peddy.
Brown.	Peyton.
Bryan.	Pillow.
Bryant.	Poage.
Burton of Rusk.	Pope.
Burton of Tarrant.	Raiden.
Butler.	Reeves.
Cadenhead.	Richards.
Canales.	Robertson.
Cates.	Roemer.
Clark.	Rogers.
Cope.	Russell.
Cox.	Sackett.
Crudgington.	Sallas.
Davis of Dallas.	Sentell.
Davis of Grimes.	Schlesinger.
Davis	Schlosshan.
of Van Zandt.	Scholl.
De Bogory.	Seawright.
Dodd.	Sholars.
Estes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fairchild.	Smith of Hopkins.
Fisher.	Smith of Scurry.
Fitzpatrick.	Spencer of Nolan.
Fly.	Spradley.
Greenwood.	Stewart.
Hardey.	Strayhorn.
Harris.	Taylor.
Hartman.	Templeton.
Hill.	Terrell.
Holland.	Thomas.
Hudspeth.	Thomason
Jones.	of El Paso.
Laas.	Thomason
Laney.	of Nacogdoches.
Lange.	Thompson
Lanier.	of Hunt.
Lee.	Thompson
Lindemann.	of Red River.
Lowe	Tillotson.
of McMullen.	Tilson.
Low	Tinner.
of Washington.	Trayler.
McComb.	Tschoepe.
McCoy.	Upchurch.
McDowra.	Valentine.
McFarland.	Veatch.
McMillin.	Walker.
Martin.	Williams
Meador.	of Brazoria.
Mendell.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of McLennan.
Miller of Austin.	Williford.
Monday.	Wilson.
Moore.	Woods.
Morris.	Woodul.
Murrell.	Yantis.

Absent.

Beard of Harris.	Denton.
Carlock.	Dunnam.

Florer.	Osborne.
Hawkins.	Spencer of Wise.
Johnson.	Swope.
Miller of Dallas.	Wahrmund.
Nichols.	

Absent—Excused.

Blackburn.	Lacey.
Dudley.	White.
Haidusek.	

## HOUSE BILL NO. 3 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 3, A bill to be entitled "An Act expressing the assent of the State of Texas to the provisions of an act of the Sixty-fourth Congress of the United States, approved July 11, 1916, providing for Federal aid in the construction of post roads in the States of the Union; authorizing the Texas Highway Commission to enter into all agreements and comply with all requirements necessary to co-operation with the United States Secretary of Agriculture in the administration of the said act of Congress, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

## RESOLUTION SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and its caption had been read, the following enrolled resolution:

S. C. R. No. 12, Expressing confidence of the Texas Legislature in President Woodrow Wilson, approving his action in severing diplomatic relations with Germany, and pledging him support in all things.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 7 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 7, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7805, of Chapter 1, of Title 130 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the issuance of permits to foreign corporations, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Williford moved to postpone further consideration of the bill indefinitely.

Mr. Moore moved the previous question on the motion to postpone indefinitely and the final passage of the bill, and the main question was ordered.



Question first recurring on the motion to postpone indefinitely, yeas and nays were demanded.

(Mr. Crudgington in the chair.)

The motion to postpone indefinitely was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—33.

Baker.	Miller of Austin.
Beard of Milam.	Murrell.
Bertram.	Neill.
Boner.	Osborne.
Butler.	Peyton.
Cadenhead.	Raiden.
Cope.	Reeves.
Davis of Dallas.	Russell.
Davis	Sentell.
of Van Zandt.	Seawright.
Dodd.	Smith of Hopkins.
Estes.	Stewart.
Florer.	Terrell.
Harris.	Thompson
McCoy.	of Hunt.
McDowra.	Tilson.
McMillin.	Williford.
Meador.	

Nays—96.

Bagby.	Lanier.
Beasley.	Lee.
Beason.	Lindemann.
Bedell.	Lowe
Bell.	of McMullen.
Blackmon.	Low
Blalock.	of Washington.
Bland.	McComb.
Bledsoe.	McFarland.
Brown.	Martin.
Bryan.	Mendell.
Bryant.	Metcalf.
Burton of Rusk.	Monday.
Burton of Tarrant.	Moore.
Canales.	Morris.
Carlock.	Neeley.
Cates.	Nichols.
Clark.	Nordhaus.
Cox.	O'Banion.
Crudgington.	O'Brien.
Davis of Grimes.	Parks.
De Bogory.	Peddy.
Denton.	Pillow.
Dunnam.	Poage.
Fairchild.	Pope.
Fisher.	Richards.
Fitzpatrick.	Robertson.
Fly.	Roemer.
Greenwood.	Rogers.
Hardey.	Sackett.
Hartman.	Sallas.
Hawkins.	Schlesinger.
Hill.	Schlosshan.
Hudspeth.	Scholl.
Jones.	Sholars.
Laas.	Smith of Bastrop.
Laney.	Smith of Scurry.
Lange.	Spencer of Nolan.

Spradley.	Upchurch.
Strayhorn.	Valentine.
Taylor.	Veatch.
Templeton.	Wahrmund.
Thomas.	Walker.
Thomason	Williams
of El Paso.	of Brazoria.
Thomason	Williams
of Nacogdoches.	of McLennan.
Thompson	Wilson.
of Red River.	Woods.
Tillotson.	Woodul.
Trayler.	Yantis.
Tschoepe.	

Absent.

Beard of Harris.	Spencer of Wise.
Holland.	Swope.
Johnson.	

Absent—Excused.

Blackburn.	Lacey.
Dudley.	White.
Haidusek.	

Paired.

Mr. Tinner (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Miller of Dallas (absent), who would vote "nay."

Reason for Vote.

House bill No. 7 is now pending on third reading and the previous question has been ordered by the House. It is therefore not possible to amend the bill. In its present form I would vote against it; but I have been informed by the proponents of the bill that an amendment will be offered and insisted on in the Senate providing that the purchasing corporation shall not be granted the right to engage in business unless the court shall find that there has been a substantial change in the actual ownership of the property. Relying on this assurance, I vote for the bill.

ROBERTSON.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Question then recurring on the final passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

House bill No. 7 was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—90.

Bagby.	Brown.
Beasley.	Bryan.
Beason.	Bryant.
Bedell.	Burton of Tarrant.
Bell.	Canales.
Blackmon.	Carlock.
Blalock.	Cates.
Bland.	Clark.
Bledsoe.	Cox.



Crudgington.	Pillow.
Davis of Grimes.	Poage.
De Bogory.	Pope.
Denton.	Richards.
Dunnam.	Robertson.
Fairchild.	Roemer.
Fitzpatrick.	Sackett.
Fly.	Sallas.
Greenwood.	Schlosshan.
Hardey.	Scholl.
Hartman.	Sholars.
Hawkins.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hill.	Smith of Scurry.
Hudspeth.	Spencer of Nolan.
Jones.	Spradley.
Laas.	Strayhorn.
Laney.	Taylor.
Lange.	Templeton.
Lanier.	Thomas.
Lee.	Thomason
Lindemann.	of El Paso.
Lowe	Thompson
of McMullen.	of Red River.
Low	Tillotson.
of Washington.	Trayler.
McComb.	Tschoepe.
McFarland.	Upchurch.
Martin.	Valentine.
Mendell.	Veatch.
Metcalfe.	Wahrmund.
Monday.	Walker.
Moore.	Williams
Morris.	of Brazoria.
Nichols.	Williams
Nordhaus.	of McLennan.
O'Banion.	Wilson.
O'Brien.	Woods.
Parks.	Woodul.
Peddy.	Yantis.

## Nays—35.

Beard of Milam.	Neeley.
Bertram.	Neill.
Boner.	Osborne.
Butler.	Peyton.
Cadenhead.	Raiden.
Cope.	Reeves.
Davis of Dallas.	Rogers.
Davis	Russell.
of Van Zandt.	Sentell.
Dodd.	Schlesinger.
Estes.	Seawright.
Fisher.	Smith of Hopkins.
Florer.	Stewart.
Harris.	Terrell.
McDowra.	Thomason
McMillin.	of Nacogdoches.
Meador.	Thompson
Miller of Austin.	of Hunt.
Murrell.	Williford.

## Present—Not Voting.

Burton of Rusk.

## Absent.

Baker.

Beard of Harris.

Holland.	Spencer of Wise.
Johnson.	Swope.
McCoy.	

Absent—Excused.

Blackburn.	Haidusek.
Dudley.	Lacey.

Paired.

Mr. Tilson (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. White (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Tinner (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Miller of Dallas (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Bryant moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following:

Committee to investigate the removal of the cannon from the Capitol Grounds: Messrs. Reeves, Yantis, Bryan.

Committee to visit the penitentiaries: Messrs. Reeves, Moore, Stewart, Nordhaus, Terrell.

Committee to visit the penitentiary farms: Messrs. Holland, Raiden, Sholars, Hudspeth, Schlesinger.

## ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Peyton moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m., Thursday, February 8.

The motion prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 6:30 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., Thursday, February 8.

## APPENDIX.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 214, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Boner has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

PEYTON, Chairman.



# REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND BANKING.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred House bill No. 79, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

FAIRCHILD, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred House bill No. 19, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass. Mr. Dunnam gave notice of a minority report.

FAIRCHILD, Chairman.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON CARRIERS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Common Carriers, to whom was referred House bill No. 330, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass. Mr. Taylor gave notice of a minority report.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Chairman.

# REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 498, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with amendments. Mr. Meador has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 598, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Clark has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 497, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Scholl has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 426, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Johnson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 596, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education,



to whom was referred House bill No. 602, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 461, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendments.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 146, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

FISHER, Vice-Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House bill No. 493, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Lange has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

PILLOW, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON IRRIGATION.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Irrigation, to whom was referred House bill No. 237, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that

it do pass with amendments by the committee. Mr. Pope has been appointed to make a full report thereon. Mr. Metcalfe gave notice of a minority report.

CANALES, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Irrigation, to whom was referred House bill No. 9, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

CANALES, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred House bill No. 549, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BAKER, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 2, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Municipal Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 277, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Burton has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

MENDELL, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND LAND OFFICE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred House bill No. 233, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr.



Smith of Scurry has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

POPE, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON REVENUE AND TAXATION.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 136, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendment. Mr. McFarland has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CRUDGINGTON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 3, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 274, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. McFarland has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CRUDGINGTON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 3, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 78, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass. Mr. Woods gave notice of a minority report.

CRUDGINGTON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 482, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Williams of Brazoria has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CRUDGINGTON, Vice-Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 512, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendments.

LEE, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 576, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEE, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 550, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEE, Vice-Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STOCK AND STOCK RAISING.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 3, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Stock and Stock Raising, to whom was referred House bill No. 484, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with amendments. Mr. Harris has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

NEILL, Vice-Chairman.



REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EN-  
GROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House  
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed  
Bills have carefully examined and com-  
pared

H. B. No. 226, A bill to be entitled  
"An Act for the purpose of promoting  
and improving the development of the  
country schools of the State by the  
appropriation of one million dollars  
each year, or such part thereof as may  
be necessary, for the next two fiscal  
years ending August 31, 1918, and 1919,  
respectively, by allowing the State  
Board of Education to aid any one  
school in any sum not exceeding five  
hundred dollars in any one year, and  
providing that schools receiving such  
aid be located and constructed in a  
certain way and having certain and  
necessary equipment, and providing for  
the employment of competent teachers;  
and said act further providing that no  
school having over three hundred scho-  
lastics shall receive such aid, and pro-  
viding that schools receiving such aid  
shall have had certain percentage of  
attendance with exceptions, and provid-  
ing said schools shall levy a local school  
tax of not less than fifty cents on the  
one hundred dollars valuation, and pro-  
viding course of study for such country  
schools, and setting aside fifty thousand  
dollars of the appropriation annually  
for the relief of backward districts and  
giving the State Board of Education  
power to establish rules and regulations  
for the organization of such country  
schools and otherwise carrying out the  
intentions of this act, and defining the  
powers of the State Board of Educa-  
tion, and providing for assistants to  
the State Superintendent to be known as  
rural school supervisors, and providing  
for reports to be made to the State  
Board of Education, and providing for  
the manner of payment and disburse-  
ment of all money granted under the  
provisions of this act, and providing  
said school can accept the benefits of  
this act without waiving the benefits  
and privileges of other laws, and pro-  
viding certain funds for the payment  
of rural school supervisors and their  
traveling expenses, repealing all laws and  
parts of laws in conflict therewith, and  
declaring and emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DENTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House  
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed  
Bills have carefully examined and com-  
pared

H. B. No. 21, A bill to be entitled  
"An Act fixing the salaries of judges of  
the Supreme Court and the Court of  
Criminal Appeals and the judges of the  
Courts of Civil Appeals, and of the dis-  
trict courts of this State, and declaring  
an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DENTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 7, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House  
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed  
Bills have carefully examined and com-  
pared

H. J. R. No. 9, Proposing to amend  
Section 2 of Article 6 of the Constitu-  
tion of the State of Texas so as to au-  
thorize females to vote, and providing  
that the Governor shall submit the same  
to the qualified voters of Texas at the  
election to be held on the first Tuesday  
in November, 1918, and appropriating  
five thousand dollars, or so much thereof  
as may be necessary, to pay the expenses  
of carrying out the provisions of this  
resolution,

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DENTON, Chairman.

## TWENTY-THIRD DAY.

(Thursday, February 8, 1917.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m.,  
pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the follow-  
ing members were present:

Bagby.	Bryant.
Baker.	Burton of Rusk.
Beard of Milam.	Burton of Tarrant.
Beasley.	Butler.
Beason.	Cadenhead.
Bedell.	Canales.
Bell.	Carlock.
Bertram.	Cates.
Blackmon.	Clark.
Blalock.	Cope.
Bland.	Cox.
Boner.	Crudgington.
Brown.	Davis of Dallas.
Bryan.	Davis of Grimes.